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Abstract

In 1974, Lucille Mathurin Mair completed her doctoral thesis at the Jamaica campus of the University of the West Indies (UWI). In 2006, it was published for the first time under the title *A Historical Study of Women in Jamaica, 1655-1844*; it was the first full-length work on Caribbean women's historical experience. In 1993, Verene Shepherd organized a symposium, also at the Jamaica campus of UWI, out of which emerged the collection of essays, *Engendering History: Caribbean Women in Historical Perspective*, published in 1995. These two events symbolized the development, from the early 1970s onwards, of a significant body of work on women and gender in the history of the English-speaking Caribbean; research and publication in the field have grown considerably between the mid-1990s and the present (Mathurin Mair 2006; Shepherd, Brereton and Bailey 1995; Brereton 2002, 129-44).